



MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Gary Wallyn, Director
Division of Accreditation, Assistance, and Awards

DATE: September 27, 2007

RE: Approval of Professional Development Grants

The General Assembly has allocated money for individual school professional development programs for the 2007-08 school year. All public schools, including charter schools, accredited non-public schools, and freeway schools are eligible to participate in the professional development grant program (IC 20-20-31 and 511 IAC 6.2-4).

To obtain a professional development grant a school must submit:

- The annual review and revision the school improvement plan (IC 20-31-5-1(a)(2)), (511 IAC 6.2-3-1(a)(2)),
- A professional development grant application, and
- The required school and corporation level assurance forms. (IC 20-20-31-5), (511 IAC 6.2-3-3(10)).

The department review included a review of individual school data, and the alignment of professional development and school improvement goals. Schools were also asked to respond to the following questions:

- When applying the core principles for professional development and the accompanying requirements, how will teachers be supported in the implementation of the strategies/activities/training?
- Describe how instruction will be different after teachers have implemented the strategies/activities/training?
- Describe what students will be doing differently in the classroom as a result of the successful implementation of the strategies/activities/training?

Grant dollars will be distributed in two phases. After Board approval, districts will receive, for each school whose grant application has been approved, a \$3000 flat grant. A per pupil amount will be distributed in December based on October 1, 2007 pupil enrollment count (DOE-PE).

Recommendation- Approval of the grants for the 1409 schools on the attached list.